

The Lawton Foundry

History of Project

The Lawton Foundry building was built in 1879 as a general machine and foundry shop. It was diversified enough to service any of the local manufacturing plants in the De Pere area. In 1891, the Lawton Company moved to a newer and larger foundry building. This foundry remained in operation until 1972, when Lawton phased out this aspect of its business.



The Lawton Foundry, before.

Scope of Project

In the early 1980s, the Redevelopment Authority was formed and relocated the C.A. Lawton Co. to De Pere's industrial park.

A small work force from Lawton remained downtown until 1990. The foundry was then scheduled for demolition several times. The Alexander Company of Madison viewed the site only three weeks



The Lawton Foundry, during.

prior to the final demolition attempt. They decided to purchase and develop the building into 70 affordable apartments.

Construction began in the fall of 1992 and the first tenants moved in March 1993. This was one of the first buildings in De Pere's downtown to be listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

Cost

\$5,500,000



The Lawton Foundry, after.

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